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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT CLEARANCE FOR THAILAND LEAHY VETTING REQUEST -
EXBS - SPONSORED U.S. COAST GUARD BOARDING OFFICER TRAINING, LAEM
CHABANG PORT

REF: BANGKOK 3777

¶1. (SBU) The Department of State reviewed its files and found that, as of this date, it possesses no credible evidence of gross violations of human rights committed by the individual listed below. This individual is a candidate to attend the EXBS-Sponsored US Coast Guard Boarding Officer training session at Laem Chabang Port from January 12-16, 2009.

¶2. (U) Candidate:

Name: Nitigon Somkanay
DPOB: 7/15/1976; Bangkok, Thailand
Title/Rank: Inspector/Police Captain
Unit: Sub-Division 5, Royal Thai Marine Police

¶3. (U) Post may provide the following statement to authorized parties: Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the individual identified above, as of this date. Post may cite this cable in response.

¶4. (U) If, in the future, post becomes aware of possible human rights violations by the individual listed above, post should inform the Department and not proceed with training.

¶5. (U) POC for this action is Jameson DeBose:
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